

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Carsten MUENK *et al.*

Appln. No.: 10/729,069

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For: ALPHA-COMPLEMENTATION VIRAL
FUSION ASSAY

Examiner: Louise Humphrey

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Confirmation No. 9175

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to a non-final Office action dated March 27, 2006, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on June 27, 2006. This submission is timely filed before expiration of the shortened statutory time for response and therefore no fee is due. The Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-14 and 21 in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following Amendments and Remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration respectfully is requested.